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SUBJECT: OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS

1. OFFICIALS OF FRG TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY INFORMALLY REQUESTED EMBASSY SCIENCE ATTACHE TO SEEK US VIEWS ABOUT POSSIBLE US-FRG JOINT VENTURES AS PROJECT UNDER CIVILIAN PROCUREMENT SECTION OF OFFSET AGREEMENT. TECH MIN REPS NOTED THAT ITEM 29 OF ILLUSTRATIVE LIST OF PROJECTS FORWARDED TO FRG WITH UNDER SECRETARY CASEY'S LETTER OF MAY 11 PROVIDED FOR PURCHASE OF URANIUM ORE. IN THEIR VIEW JOINT VENTURES INVOLVING GERMAN AND AMERICAN COMPANIES PROSPECTING IN THE US WOULD BE MUCH MORE INTERESTING.

2. TECHMIN OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO GERMAN FIRMS, URANERZ BERGBAU AND URANGESELLSCHAFT FRANKFURT, HAD VISITED KERR-MCGEE AND GULF TO EXPLORE THIS POSSIBILITY. US FIRMS APPEARED LITTLE INTERESTED. TECHMIN REPS WOULD APPRECIATE USG VIEWS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING SUCH JOINT VENTURES UNDER OFFSET.

3. SCIATT OBSERVED THAT PROJECTS SUITABLE FOR OFFSET

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SHOULD RESULT IN EXPENDITURE OF GERMAN FUNDS IN US.

TECHMIN REPS BELIEVED JOINT VENTURES COULD MEET THIS
CRITERION.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE RECALL A SIMILAR FRG PROPOSAL
SOME FOUR YEARS AGO THAT DID NOT RPT NOT SURVIVE INTO
FINAL AGREEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE US COMMENTS.
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